

business as a producer, rectifier, blender, importer, or wholesaler of wine, directly or indirectly or through an affiliate, shall sell or ship or deliver for sale or shipment, or otherwise introduce in interstate or foreign commerce, or receive therein, or remove from customs custody, any wine unless such wine is bottled or packed in the standard wine containers herein prescribed.

(b) Sections 4.70 through 4.73 do not apply to:

(1) Sake;

(2) Wine packed in containers of 18 liters or more;

(3) Imported wine in the original containers in which entered customs custody if the wine was bottled or packed before January 1, 1979; or

(4) Wine domestically bottled or packed, either in or out of customs custody, before October 24, 1943, if the container, or the label on the container, bears a conspicuous statement of the net contents, and if the actual capacity of the container is not substantially less than the apparent capacity upon visual examination under ordinary conditions of purchase or use.

(c) Section 4.73 does not apply to wine domestically bottled or packed, either in or out of customs custody, before January 1, 1979, if the wine was bottled or packed according to the standards of fill prescribed by § 4.72.

[T.D. ATF-12, 39 FR 45222, Dec. 31, 1974, as amended by T.D. ATF-49, 43 FR 19848, May 9, 1978; T.D. ATF-76, 46 FR 1727, Jan. 7, 1981]

§ 4.71 Standard wine containers.

(a) A standard wine container shall be made, formed and filled to meet the following specifications:

(1) *Design.* It shall be so made and formed as not to mislead the purchaser. Wine containers shall be held (irrespective of the correctness of the net contents specified on the label) to be so made and formed as to mislead the purchaser if the actual capacity is substantially less than the apparent capacity upon visual examination under ordinary conditions of purchase or use; and

(2) *Fill.* It shall be so filled as to contain the quantity of wine specified in one of the standards of fill prescribed in § 4.72 or § 4.73; and

(3) *Headspace.* It shall be made and filled as to have a headspace not in excess of 6 percent of its total capacity after closure if the net content of the container is 187 milliliters or more, and a headspace not in excess of 10 percent of such capacity in the case of all other containers.

[T.D. ATF-12, 39 FR 45222, Dec. 31, 1974]

§ 4.72 Standards of fill.

(a) The standards of fill for wine shall be the following, subject to the tolerances hereinafter allowed:

(1) For all wines:

4.9 gallons.	1 pint.
3 gallons.	$\frac{1}{2}$ pint.
1 gallon.	$\frac{1}{2}$ pint.
$\frac{1}{2}$ gallon.	$\frac{1}{2}$ pint.
$\frac{1}{2}$ gallon.	4 ounces.
$\frac{2}{3}$ gallon.	3 ounces.
1 quart.	2 ounces.
$\frac{1}{2}$ quart.	

(2) In addition, for aperitif wines only: $\frac{15}{16}$ quart:

(b) The tolerances in fill shall be the same as are allowed by § 4.37 in respect to statement of net contents upon labels.

(c) This section does not apply after December 31, 1978.

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§ 4.73 Metric standards of fill.

(a) *Authorized standards of fill.* The standards of fill for wine are the following:

3 liters.	375 milliliters.
1.5 liters.	187 milliliters.
1 liter.	100 milliliters.
750 milliliters.	50 milliliters.
500 milliliters.	

(b) *Sizes larger than 3 liters.* Wine may be bottled or packed in containers of 4 liters or larger if the containers are filled and labeled in quantities of even liters (4 liters, 5 liters, 6 liters, etc.).

(c) *Tolerances.* The tolerances in fill are the same as are allowed by § 4.37 in respect to statement of net contents on labels.

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